

Local Bridge Replacement Program – Town Bridge

Program Overview

There are 14,981 bridge structures (10 feet or greater) on the local system and approximately 6,162 of these structures are on the Town Road system. The Town Bridge Program was created in 1975 to assist counties in paying for costs associated with replacing town bridges. These funds are apportioned from a portion of the five percent deducted from the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund, prior to the distribution to the Trunk Highway and State Aid funds. [Minnesota Statutes 161.082](#) and [Minnesota Rules 8820](#) govern the Town Bridge Program.



Money in the town bridge account must be expended on the town road bridge structures that are 10 feet or more in length and on town road culverts that replace existing town road bridges. The town bridge account is administered under the umbrella of the Local Bridge Replacement Program that provides local agencies transportation funding for the reconstruction, rehabilitation or removal of bridges or structures on their local road system.

70 percent of the funds in the Town Bridge Account are annually apportioned to each county, in proportion to the number of deficient township bridges in their county. The remaining 30 percent is retained in the Special Town Bridge Account and is used to fund township bridge projects when a county has depleted its own apportionment.

Town bridges are also eligible for federal off system bridge funds and state transportation bridge bond funds. County engineers coordinate and prioritize projects with the townships on a 3-5 year replacement program based on structural or functional condition, local priority and availability of Town Bridge funds or other state and federal funds.

Funding Summary

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Town Bridge	\$12.1 M	\$12.9 M	\$13.7 M	\$14.3 M	\$14.8 M	\$ 15.5 M
Number of Projects	51	95	82	59	63	79

For More Information

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